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SUBJECT: EXPANSION IN HEALTH COOPERATION
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-- B. STATE 067714 (LOU)

1. HEW/OIH APPRECIATES EMBASSY INFORMATION REGARDING MOH
INTEREST IN 'EXPANSION OF AREAS OF COOPERATION' PER
REFTEL A. THIS WAS INDEED A TIMELY EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST ON THE PART OF MOH GIVEN HEW/OIH SIMILAR
INTERESTS PER REFTEL B.

2. AT THIS POINT, HEW/OIH WOULD PREFER TO PROCEED WITH
DISCUSSION OF HEW INTERESTS IN EXPANSION ACCORDING TO PLAN
OUTLINED IN REFTEL B. NO EMBASSY TRANSMITTAL OF
INFORMATION IN REFTEL B IS DESIRED. IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, FOR EMBOFF TO CONTACT SHCHEPIN AND
INDICATE THAT HEW IS PLEASED WITH HIS EXPRESSION OF
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INTEREST AND HAD INDEED ALREADY PLANNED TO DISCUSS NEW HEW
INTERESTS WITH VENEDICTOV IN GENEVA. AT THIS POINT EMBOFF
MIGHT ALSO INVITE SHCHEPIN TO HAVE VENEDICTOV PREPARED TO
DISCUSS ANY NEW MOH INTERESTS IN THIS REGARD.

3. FYI, HEW/OIH BELIEVES THAT THE DR SHCHEPIN REFERRED
TO IN REFTEL A IS DR OLEG P. SHCHEPIN, HEAD, OFFICE OF

FOREIGN RELATIONS, USSR, MOH. DR. SHCHEPIN'S EXPERTISE ON ALCOHOLISM IS NOT KNOWN. DR. OLEG SHCHEPIN HAS -- BEEN A DIRECT PART OF US-USSR HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS SERVING AS DEPUTY COCHAIRMAN OR EHRLICH'S COUNTERPART. IN THE LAST TWO MEETINGS HEW/OIH HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS PERSONAL COMMITMENTS HE WAS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OR BE IN MOSCOW. HIS PERSONAL REGRETS WERE ALWAYS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO DR EHRLICH AND WERE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE. IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT DR. SAVELIEV HAS BEEN ASSUMING INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY IN MOH FOR US RELATIONS ALTHOUGH HEW/OIH HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED SAVELIEV STILL VERY MUCH WORKED FOR SHCHEPIN. ANY INFORMAL AND UNOBTRUSIVELY OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY HEW/OIH.

4. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL A, THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH HAS NOT YET RECEIVED SENATE CONFIRMATION. SELECTION OF NEW COCHAIRMAN FOR HEALTH COMMITTEE WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY. EMBOFF MAY ASSURE SHCHEPIN THAT US-SOVIET HEALTH COOPERATION AND SELECTION OF NEW US COCHAIRMAN WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH NEW ASH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN INTERIM, DR. S. PAUL EHRLICH WILL SERVE TO COORDINATE US-SOVIET INTERESTS IN WHO AND BILATERAL COOPERATION.

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